

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0001] The present application claims priority to the provisional filed application entitled *Modification of EPG Object Attributes to Allow Instantaneous Recognition of Frequency of Selection*, filed on ~~May 19, 2000~~ October 19, 2000, serial no. 60/241,885, which is also incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0011] The user may want to know, in using the EPG, whether he has recently selected an object (i.e., object 103b). However, he may not want to wait for the identity of the object 103b he has selected to appear on the screen 100, only then to recall that this object 103b has already been recently selected. Instead, in one embodiment, each time the user selects an object ~~101, 102 or 103~~ 101A-N, 102A-N, 103A or 103B that contains specific programming information (e.g., time, channel or programming event), one of the attributes of the object ~~101, 102 or 103~~ 101A-N, 102A-N, 103A or 103B is modified. For example, a news programming event, such as object 103b has a blue background. On each consecutive (or non-consecutive) selection of the same program object 103b, that object 103b will become darker. The object 103b may move, for example, from a royal blue to a navy blue to a dark midnight blue with each consecutive selection. As a result, the user can recognize that he has selected this object 103b already, without needing reselect the object 103b to ascertain its identity.

[Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:]

A2 [0012] In another embodiment, other attributes, such as shape, surface texture, transparency, border color, or position in 3-D space, may be modified each time the user selects that particular object ~~101, 102 or 103~~ 101A-N, 102A-N, 103A or 103B. An example of one embodiment of a modification other than color modification may be a change in the shape of the displayed object. The shape of the object may start as a square and, upon subsequent selection, may change to resemble an oval or other such shape. Other attributes not mentioned here may also be used for purposes of ascertaining recent selection of an object.
